

SHEHERSAAZ

# NEWSLETTER

OCT-DEC 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of the Shehersaaz Newsletter. Here, we spotlight impactful stories, innovative ideas, and sustainable solutions reshaping our urban landscapes. At Shehersaaz, we're driving the journey toward climate-resilient cities, rooted in innovation, inclusivity, and green transformation.

PROJECT FOR URBAN CLIMATE  
CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

## WORLD HABITAT DAY 2025 | BUILDING URBAN SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

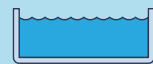
OCTOBER 6, 2025

To mark World Habitat Day 2025, Shehersaaz, in collaboration with UN-Habitat and the Adaptation Fund, hosted a high-level event in Islamabad under the theme "Urban Solutions to Climate Crisis." The gathering brought together senior government officials, urban planners, development practitioners, and youth to reflect on Pakistan's growing urban and climate challenges and the urgent need for resilient, inclusive cities.

### PUCCAR STATS



**3,718**  
Rainwater  
Harvesting Units  
installed



**4,463,650**  
Litre  
Water stored



**53,200**  
Beneficiaries





# SHEHERSAAZ IS EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH THEATRE FOR CLIMATE ACTION & RESILIENCE

Shehersaaz recently conducted a week-long theatre workshop at GGHS New Katarian to engage students in performing arts while raising awareness about climate change, disaster management, and climate resilience. The workshop culminated in a powerful short play, “Our City, Our Future,” performed by students at the World Habitat Day event organized by Shehersaaz in collaboration with UN-Habitat.

Watch the special performance [here](#).



**CREATIVE  
EXPRESSION CAN  
BE A POWERFUL  
TOOL FOR  
RESILIENCE,  
LEARNING, AND  
TRANSFORMATION**





# OCTOBER TRAINING SESSIONS — PUCCAR PROJECT

Under the PUCCAR project, supported by UN-Habitat and the Adaptation Fund, our trainers conducted sessions for community youth in October. The training equipped them with the knowledge and skills to act as community champions, promoting sustainability and resilience in their neighborhoods.



**CLIMATE ADAPTATION  
SUCCEEDS WHEN  
PEOPLE BECOME  
CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE  
IN THEIR OWN  
NEIGHBORHOODS.**





# SHEHERSAAZ SHOWCASED ON THE GLOBAL PLATFORM OF GNDR: GLOBAL NETWORK OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

Honored to be a part of the GNDR and showcase what all Shehersaaz offers in making cities of Pakistan inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. More details [here](#).



## PRESERVING LEGACY, BUILDING GREEN FUTURES

Shehersaaz lovingly restored the 500-year-old Banyan Tree at Satra Meel, launching Banyan Park—a space where heritage and nature thrive together, just as we care for our elders with respect. More details [here](#)





# World Cities Day Celebration: The Sheher Seminar 2025 – A Landmark Reflection on Islamabad’s 65-Year Journey

Reflecting on Islamabad’s 65-Year Journey

Shehersaaz, in collaboration with partners including, UN-Habitat, the Adaptation Fund and CDA hosted the Sheher Seminar 2025 to mark Islamabad’s 65th anniversary and World Cities Day. The seminar brought together distinguished speakers, policymakers, and citizens for thoughtful dialogue on the capital’s evolution, challenges, and future pathways. Highlights included reflections on six decades of sustainable planning, insights into urban resilience, and a documentary showcasing Islamabad’s growth from 1960 to 2025. The event culminated in the vibrant Islamabad Sheher Mela, celebrating community pride, culture, and shared visions for a people-centred, resilient city. Find more [details](#).



**SHEHERSAAZ  
FEATURED ON IKAN  
BEING SHOWN AS A  
RESPONSIBLE  
CONSERVER OF  
RAINWATER, THE  
PROJECT FOR  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
ADAPTATION AND  
RESILIENCE.  
[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#)**

**RESPONSIBLE WATER  
MANAGEMENT IS A  
CORNERSTONE OF  
RESILIENT URBAN  
LIVING**



# SHEHER MELA: CELEBRATING WORLD CITIES DAY

Oct 31, 2025

From electric mobility and sustainable water solutions to eco-friendly community markets, the Islamabad Sheher Mela illuminated the heart of F-9 Park as a symbol of new hope for a smart, green, and livable Islamabad.



The event showcased how cities can evolve into inclusive, climate-resilient urban centers, inspiring other cities across Pakistan to follow. More details [here](https://www.shehersaaz.org.pk).

**WORLD CITIES DAY REMINDS US THAT  
RESILIENT CITIES ARE BUILT WITH  
PEOPLE AT THE CENTER**



# SENIOR MANAGEMENT SHEHERSAAZ AT THE INAUGURATION OF RAINWATER HARVESTING UNIT INSTALLATION AT ST. DANNY'S SCHOOL

Ms. Almas Shakoor, CEO of Shehersaaz, and Dr. Beenish, PUCCAR Project Manager, attended the inauguration at St. Danny's High School, where Shehersaaz unveiled a newly installed Rainwater Harvesting Unit—ensuring sustainable water storage and providing students with safe, clean drinking water. More details [here](#).



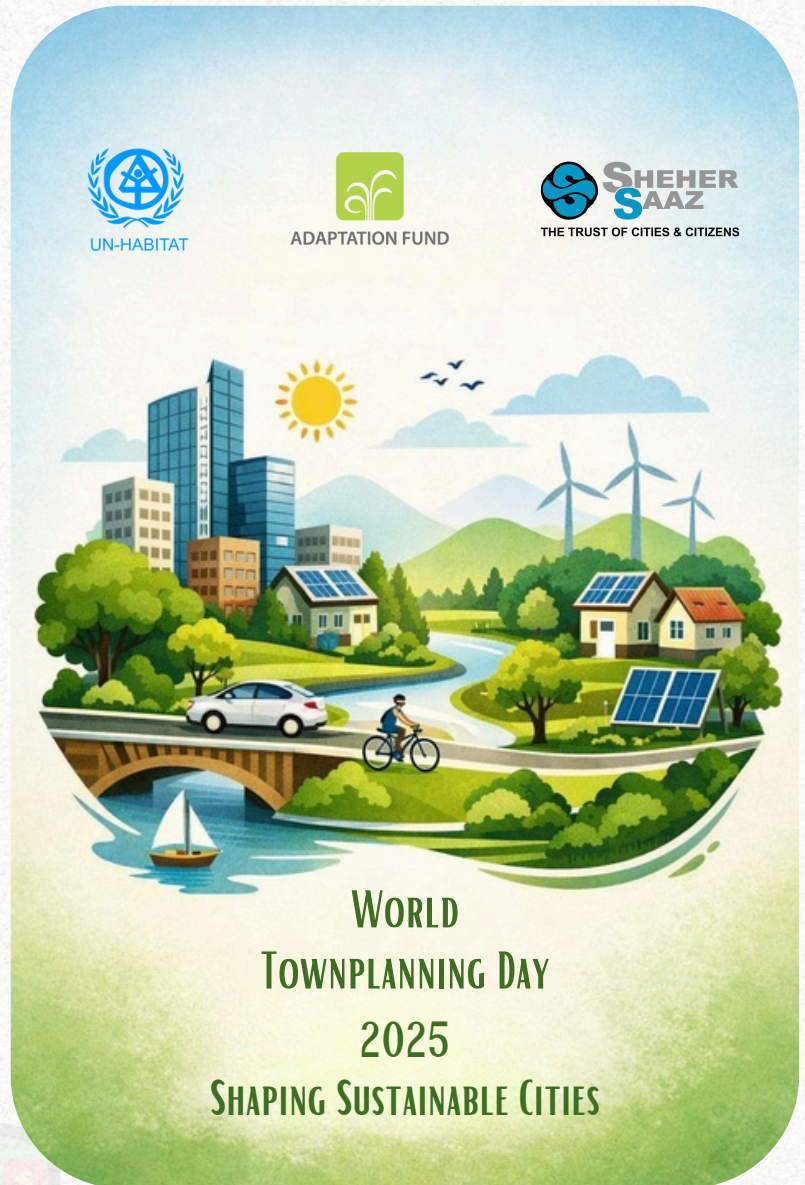


# WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY

NOV 8, 2025

Shehersaaz marked World “Town Planning Day” themed “ With Planning We Can” by highlighting the importance of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban development. Through discussions and community engagement, the event emphasized planning as a tool to create smart cities that balance growth, heritage, and environmental stewardship for the well-being of all residents.

The team visited the Golra Railway Station and indulged in discussions to bring forward what the people truly want to change in the cities.





# SHEHERSAAZ REACHES NEW MILESTONE IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION WITH SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM HANDOVER

Nov 11, 2025

Shehersaaz Concludes PROGRESSIVE Program with Key Milestone.

Shehersaaz celebrated the successful conclusion of its PROGRESSIVE program in Rawalpindi, marking the formal handover of Rainwater Harvesting Units to 18 government schools—setting a new standard for climate-resilient, eco-sensitive learning spaces. The ceremony brought together education officials, school principals, project teams, and community partners.



**SAFE AND RESILIENT  
SCHOOLS ARE THE  
FOUNDATION OF  
RESILIENT SOCIETIES.**

CEO Ms. Almas Shakoor and District Education Authority Rawalpindi, Tariq Mehmood, lauded Shehersaaz for championing sustainable education and strengthening school-level resilience through practical, community-centered solutions. Find more details [here](https://www.shehersaaz.org.pk).





# CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF VISION, IMPACT, AND TEAMWORK!

Nov 11, 2025

On November 11, Shehersaaz marked its 29th anniversary. Our Executive Director, Ms. Almas Shakoor, honored the dedication, passion, and spirit of the Shehersaaz team. From a bold vision with just three people to a powerful movement shaping sustainable, resilient, and smart cities across Pakistan, the team continues to turn vision into lasting impact—milestone after milestone. More details [here](#).



**FROM A SMALL IDEA TO A NATIONAL MOVEMENT,  
SHEHERSAAZ CONTINUES TO TURN VISION INTO  
IMPACT**



# WORLD SOIL DAY 2025

Executive Director Shehersaaz was invited as Executive Guest to speak at an inspiring session on Healthy Soil for Healthy Cities, alongside university professors from NARC and EPA representatives at Barani University, Rawalpindi.

From protecting our soil to understanding the impacts of SMOG, the conversations highlighted one truth — healthier environments create healthier lives. Here's to building greener, cleaner, more resilient cities together.



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION BEGINS  
BENEATH  
OUR FEET  
AND EXTENDS  
INTO OUR FUTURE.**





# **SHEHERSAAZ AS STRATEGIC AND LEAD PARTNER AT THE ICRE 2025, NUML: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES, BALANCING PROFIT, PEOPLE AND THE PLANET**

Shehersaaz continues to lead from the front at ICRE 2025. As the primary strategic partner and training lead, our team played a pivotal role in shaping conversations on climate resilience and people-centered urban development.



**COLLABORATION  
TRANSFORMS IDEAS  
INTO SCALABLE  
SOLUTIONS FOR  
RESILIENT CITIES**

Executive Director Shehersaaz, Ms. Almas Shakoor, presented a comprehensive vision for building sustainable and resilient cities at the ICRE 2025 International Conference closing ceremony at NUML University. From innovative housing solutions to redefining public spaces and protecting the environment, her presentation covered the core pillars of future-ready urban development. More details [here](https://www.shehersaaz.org.pk).